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AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 8083

FOR: A/SY; ADDIS ABABA FOR RSS, RTC AND RMO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: THREAT LIBREVILLE MISSION

REF: STATE 203444; LIBREVILLE 1158

1. SITUATION STABLE, NO ADDITIONAL THREATS OF LIFE OR BOMB THREATS. HOWEVER SITUATION OBSERVED THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS POSSIBLE SURVEILLANCE OF CHARGE RESIDENCE BY PERSON OR PERSONS OF CHINESE OR JAPANESE ORIGIN. AUTOMOBILES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SURVEILLANCE SITUATION. RSO OBSERVED ONE SUCH CHINESE OR JAPANESE NEAR THE CHARGE RESIDENCE. LICENSE NO. ETC OF POSSIBLE SURVEILLANCE AUTO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO SURETE WHO ADVISED OF LOOKING INTO THE MATTER. NOTE: THERE IS A CHINESE MISSION IN LIBREVILLE. RSO ASKED ALL MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY TO BE PARTICULARLY WATCHFUL WHEN TRAVELING NEAR THE CHARGE RESIDENCE AND TO KEEP RSO INFORMED.

2. RSO CARRIED TO LIBREVILLE:

A) 250 ROUNDS .38

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B) 25 ROUNDS 12 GAUGE AMMUNITION

C) 8 TEAR GAS GRENADES

D) 6 GAS MASKS

3. CHARGE DISCONTINUED 24 HRS MSG COVERAGE OF HIS RESIDENCE, HOWEVER NCOIC IS REQUESTED AT RANDOM TO ACCOMPANY CHARGE.

4. SY/FO ASCERTAIN FROM AMB. MCKESSON IF HE DESIRES 24 HRS COVERAGE; IF SO, ONE ADDITIONAL MSG ABOVE THE T/O OF 1/6 WILL BE REQUIRED.

5. EMBASSY HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON DEFENSIVE DRIVING TECH. AND ADVISED TO DO SAME WITH THE AMB NEW DRIVER.

6. AF/EX FUNDING NEEDED FOR LOCAL CONTRACT GUARDS.

7. CHARGE AND RSO SPOKE WITH NUMBER TWO IN THE FRENCH SURETE WHO ADVISED THAT HE IS SOLICITING OFF-DUTY POLICE TO WORK AS CONTRACT GUARDS FOR THE EMBASSY. HE REEMPHASIZED THE ROVING PATROL NOW IN EFFECT FOR THE EMBASSY AND CHARGE RESIDENCE. HE CONCLUDED IF FURTHER THREATS OCCUR, AN ARMED POLICE DETAIL WOULD BE PLACED AT THE EMBASSY AND THE RESIDENCE.

7. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) OPAQUE DRAPES FOR THE EMBASSY LOBBY;

B) MOTOR OPERATED, METAL OR 2" WOODEN DOOR; 8 FT. 4 IN. WIDE BY 10 FT. 2 IN. HIGH TO BE INSTALLED AT BOTTOM OF STAIRS ON 1ST FLOOR WITH ACTIVATION SWITCH AT MSG DESK AND IN SEC. SUITE;

C) ESCAPE DOOR FROM THE C&R AREA AND STORAGE OF ROPE LADDER INSIDE THE C&R VIS COMMERCIAL LIBRARY.
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